

DOCKWALKER

September 2019

Ideas for Accessing Locations for Dockwalking!

As we learned during our trainings, the Dockwalker term is a little bit misleading because you do not have to walk the docks to be a “Dockwalker.” We define **“Dockwalking”** as **conducting face-to-face education with boaters and distributing the CA Boater Kits**.

- ✓ Please check [this link](#) for ideas for accessing locations for Dockwalking, and check
- ✓ [This link](#) for the main educational messages you want to share with boaters.

REMINDER: The 2019 completed questionnaires are due on OCTOBER 28th, 2019!

You are responsible for distributing the CA Boater kits you ordered and sending us back the completed questionnaires.

Dockwalker Highlights

Meet Ruth Carsch! Ruth has been conducting face-to-face education in Santa Cruz Harbor (SCH). She has devoted several weekends at the Harbor to Dockwalking. This year, Ruth has educated 110 boaters. Don Kinnamon, (SCH, Harbormaster mentioned): *“Ruth has put countless hours of volunteer time in over the past several months in sharing clean green boating educational practices to our recreational boaters along with providing clean boating clean kits. All of this would not be possible without volunteers like Ruth and the continual support of the Division Boating & Waterways and the CA Coastal Commission commitment to providing public agencies with the various clean boating educational material and clean boating kits for the boating public.”*



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Meet Deb Phillips and the Greater Valley Conservation Corps team!

Deb and her team have participated in two events in two months. One of the events was at the South Shore Lake Camanche (San Joaquin County). They shared clean boating practices with many boaters.

"We are enjoying the opportunity to educate our boater community on safe boating practices to help eliminate the human impact on our natural resources and to protect our waterways and habitat."

Meet US Coast Guard Auxiliaries, Chuck and Sue Hutchings!

Chuck and Sue Hutchings have been teaching boating safety with the Coast Guard Auxiliary at West Marine in Orange County for the past four years. *About Boating Safely* is a comprehensive eight hour class with a test at the end to qualify for obtaining the California Boater Card.

"We added docking tips and techniques in the classroom and people love it. We also added the demonstration on what happens when oil gets in the water, how to remove it with the oil absorbent, and why not to use soap to disperse it. We collect the surveys and go over the correct answers in the boater kits, as well as the other items in the kits. We see surprise on their faces as they learn about pollution, the rules, and what they can do about it. The boaters always express appreciation for the education and information and the kits seem to make a big impact."



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Meet James Kemp “Rick” with Lake County Water Resources!

Rick usually sets up at the 5th Street launch ramp in Lakeport, Lake County, where he conducts face-to-face education, distributes the boater kits, and inspects boats for compliance with the County's Quagga Mussel. To date, Rick has distributed just shy of 200 boater kits, and interacted with more than 500 boaters. Rick reports that the boaters seem genuinely interested and care about protecting our waterways. They appreciate the information and love the CA boater kits.



Meet US Coast Guard Auxiliarists, Robert Hamming and Randy Podell!

Robert and Randy combined their USCG Auxiliary safety duties with face-to-face boater education in Ventura County.

"The Safe Boating program from the State of California is a success and the CA Boater Kits are enjoyed by most boaters. For us Dockwalking US Coast Guard Auxiliarists presenting Safe Boating kits from the State to our boating public compliments our objective of making boating safer and cleaner. What great cooperation. Thank you, California."

Do you have questions or need help? We are here to assist you for anything you need including more CA Boater Kits or to use our 'Free Boater Kit' banner. Contact:

- Vivian Matuk at vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov if you are located in Northern California.
- Kim Riley at kriley@santamonicaabay.org if you are located in Southern California.